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Sen. Hardiman introduces legislation to protect mobile-phone users' privacy

LANSING – Mobile-phone users would be able to choose whether their numbers are put into a nationwide directory under legislation introduced today by Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood.

Hardiman's legislation, Senate Bill 127, would require that mobile-phone service providers receive written consent from their subscribers before listing them in a directory. A nationwide directory is being talked about by the major mobile-phone service providers. People can access the directory by dialing 411. SB 127 is similar to a California law passed last fall.

"I think we need to ensure consumers are able to retain the private nature of their cell phone numbers unless they desire to be listed," Hardiman said.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Technology and Energy Committee.

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